

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 488

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor Mt. Juliet High School Band Director Tony Cox and Trousdale County High School Band Director Robert A. Joines II for their work in creating virtual state championships for marching bands.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those estimable teachers who have dedicated their time and energies to quality education while also providing scholarship and competitive opportunities for their students; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Tennessee high school marching bands were unable to participate in the 2020-2021 competitive season; and

WHEREAS, after the cancellation of the state championships and the Contest of Champions, many of these marching bands were still ready, willing, and able to compete against their peers for championship laurels; and

WHEREAS, in response to this situation, Mt. Juliet High School Band Director Tony Cox and Trousdale County High School Band Director Robert A. Joines II and their band members engaged in pioneering work to establish virtual state championship competitions for the 2020-2021 academic year as a temporary replacement for the traditional state championships; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cox and Mr. Joines created virtual state championships in six size-based classes of marching band competition; the physical awards for such championships are to be hereafter known as the Senate Trophy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cox, Mr. Joines, and the members of the Mt. Juliet High School Band and the Trousdale County High School Band are to be commended for their hard work and inspiration in fashioning a workable solution to a problem resulting from inequitable treatment to which their fellow high school athletes were not subject; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Band Director Tony Cox, Band Director Robert A. Joines II, and the members of the Mt. Juliet High School Band and the Trousdale County High School Band for their pioneering work in creating virtual state championships for marching bands for the 2020-2021 season and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.